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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Kindly replace claim 3, and add new claims 5-6, as follows.

3. (Amended) The method set forth in claim 2, wherein said reaction is carried out in the presence of a ketone.

5. (New) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said reaction is carried out in the presence of a ketone.

6. (New) The method set forth in claim 5, wherein the ketone is at least one selected from the group consisting of an α -diketone, a β -diketone, an α -hydroxyketone and a carboxylic acid.